

Please replace the abstract with the following paragraph:

B1 A container equipped with a closure device that allows an object to be placed in said container, particularly for the purposes of manipulating it, or allows it to be withdrawn from said container, the closure device having a plane and comprising a closure mechanism that can deform elastically to change from a closed state of rest under no external stress to an open active state under an external stress. The closure mechanism can deform elastically and radially essentially in the plane of the closure device.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 3-5 and 10-14 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A container equipped with a closure device that permits a user to manipulate or withdraw an object placed within said container, wherein said closure device has a plane and is comprised of a closure mechanism that can deform elastically essentially in the plane of the closure device to change from a closed state of rest under no external stress to an open active state under an external stress, wherein the closure device comprises at least one rigid peripheral support structure attached to which is the closure mechanism that is comprised of elastically deformable structures which intersect each other and surround a closure member such that when the elastically deformable structures are in a state of rest under no external stress the closure member is closed.